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NOT ES FOR: Assistant Director, Office of ELINT

25X1A 1. Col. Ledford said at the Staff Meeting this morning that Mr. McCone and Mr. Vance had agreed to proceed with System XIII . If JCS objects Mr. McCone and Mr. Vance will seek to over-rule them. Col. Ledford has [] assisting in preparation of a briefing which is essentially a chart approach to the letter which I showed you the other day.

25X1A 2. [] said this morning that they had a purchase order from [] to get the [] equipment in shape. They have a man leaving today and Bob estimates it will take two weeks to do the work. 25X1A This of course is not consistent with [] report of yesterday that by 3 or 4 this afternoon the reaction time to deploy would be 72 hours. 25X1A I am keeping [] informed but propose we not rile the waters unless a go occurs.

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[] will initially be in charge of the S&D Reliability effort. He will initiate and direct several studies and tests to determine the expected reliability of airborne, space, and ground equipment now in various stages of development. Based on the results obtained, he will make design and other recommendations to the appropriate Project Officer which will improve equipment reliability. The airborne systems are most complex and will receive the major part of [] effort. The use of the airborne equipment is such as to make reliability a particularly critical factor.

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Although the reliability position is regarded as a permanent and continuing function, [] is also considered a candidate for division chief to replace anticipated transferees.